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### **NO DAMAGE REPORTED TO COUNTY FACILITIES AFTER EARTHQUAKE**

FREDERICK, MD – At this time, county officials are not aware of any damage to Frederick County Government structures resulting from this afternoon's earthquake.

However, county employees are being asked to conduct a walk-around of each building, inside and outside, to check for any damage the quake may have caused (cracks, leaks, fallen objects, etc.). Any building or utility problems will be reported to the Maintenance Department for follow-up.

Emergency Management Division Director Jack Markey commented, "The U.S. Geological Survey has reported a magnitude 5.9 earthquake originating between Richmond and Charlottesville, Va. The safety and wellbeing of both employees and citizens who frequent county buildings is of utmost importance after an incident event such as this. We have reached out to all of the municipalities and county divisions, in addition to Frederick County Public Schools to determine if they had any damage.

Citizens are asked to not call 9-1-1 to report any aftershocks related to the earthquake. The 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Department received approximately 200 calls related to the earthquake in the first hour after it happened. Please only call 9-1-1 in case of a life-threatening emergency."

For more information from the U.S. Geological Survey, follow this link:

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/recenteqsww/Quakes/usc0005ild.html#details>.

For earthquake safety tips, visit the [American Red Cross website](http://www.AmericanRedCross.org), or visit [www.frederickcountymd.gov/ready](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/ready) for preparedness information.

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